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Sent: 1/16/2020 9:56:49 PM
To: MacDonald, Jennifer [Macdonald.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Steiner-Riley, Cara [Steiner-Riley.Cara@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Salem Statesman | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Jennifer,

Hi.

Thanks for the message.

There is not specific petition language in the SDWA, but NRDC did petition Region 5 (or maybe the Administrator) prior to the Flint Emergency Order. That said, I am more than happy to review the petition when it makes it way to me.

Thanks for the heads up!
Clarke

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From: MacDonald, Jennifer <Macdonald.Jennifer@epa.gov>
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Hi Cara and Clarke,

I left Suzanne a voicemail after first calling you, Clarke. See below, FYI. I let Suzanne know that you both should be made aware of this and may be better contacts than me, but that I'm happy to discuss this.

There is 105(d) CERCLA petition authority that would trigger an assessment.... Not sure that there is any petition language in the SDWA. If I recall correctly, Region 5 once had such a petition on a similar matter.

-Jennifer

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To: MacDonald, Jennifer <Macdonald.Jennifer@epa.gov>
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Hi Jennifer,

I just spoke with Nick and Eric about this. Could you please give me a call when you are free?

Thanks!

Suzanne Skadowski

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From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Winiacki, Eric <Winiacki.Eric@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov>; Contreras, Peter <Contreras.Peter@epa.gov>; Kowalski, Edward <Kowalski.Edward@epa.gov>
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Looping in Peter and Ed and Tony!

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cc-ing Ed Kowalski on this as the petitioners are requesting enforcement action.

From: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 12:09 PM

To: Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov>

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Adding Tony Barber.

We need a desk statement on this. Mark or Suzanne?

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse impolite brevity and typos.

On Jan 16, 2020, at 12:06 PM, Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

I just had a voicemail from the Oregon Dept of Ag on what the process and timeline on this would be...

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FYI & see email from ODEQ below.

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Subject: Media inquiry: EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Hi EPA friends. See below on inquiry about petition that went to y'all today (yesterday?) We're huddling internally about this request for comment, and will send you whatever we end up providing. Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

From: Loew, Tracy <tloew@Salem.gannett.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 10:29 AM

To: FLYNT Jennifer <FLYNT.Jennifer@deq.state.or.us>

Subject: EPA petition

Hi Jennifer,

I'm writing about the EPA petition filed today regarding nitrate levels in drinking water in the Boardman area. The petition criticizes the state for failing to take more stringent action. Would someone at DEQ be able to comment about that?

We have a developing story online, and likely will run it in print on Sunday.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/01/16/enviromental-protection-agency-oregon-contaminated-water/4470231002/>

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